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**Leonard Davis**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
 Education: Texas 1970 BA;  
 Texas Christian 1974 MA; Baylor 1976 JD  
 Began Service: May 10, 2002  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Chief Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Twelfth District  
 (2000-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Potter, Minton, Roberts, Davis & Jones  
 (1977-1979); Partner, Potter, Minton, Roberts, Davis & Jones (1979-2000)

**Military Service:** Texas Army National Guard (1970-1973)

**Staff**

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**Chambers of District Judge Ron Clark**

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**Ron Clark**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: January 5, 1953  
 Education: Connecticut 1973 BA, 1974 MA;  
 Texas 1979 JD  
 Began Service: November 22, 2002  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush



**Government:** Assistant City Attorney and Trial Attorney, Office of the City  
 Attorney, City of Abilene, Texas (1979-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Henderson, Bryant & Wolfe (1983-1984);  
 Partner, Henderson, Bryant & Wolfe (1985-1993); Partner, Wolfe, Clark,  
 Henderson, Tidwell & McCoy, L.L.P. (1993-2002)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1974-1976); United States Army  
 Reserve (1980-1990)

**Staff**

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**Marcia Ann Crone**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: December 12, 1952  
 Education: Texas 1973 BA; Houston 1978 JD  
 Began Service: October 3, 2003  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Current Memberships:** American Inns of Court, Board of Directors;  
 District of Columbia Bar Association; Federal Judges Association;  
 Jefferson County Bar Association; Texas Bar Foundation; Texas State Bar

**Staff**

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**Michael H. Schneider**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: January 6, 1943  
 Education: Stephen F Austin State BS; Houston 1971 JD; Virginia LLM  
 Began Service: September 2004  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Corporate:** Attorney, Dresser Industries; Vice President and General  
 Counsel, Bawden Drilling, Inc.; General Solicitor, Union Pacific Railroad  
 Company

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney,  
 County of Harris, Texas (1971-1975); Municipal Judge (Part-Time), City of  
 West University Place (1978-1990)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 157th Judicial District (1991-1996);  
 Chief Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, First District (1996-2002); Justice,  
 Supreme Court of Texas (2002-2004)

**Legal Practice:** Of Counsel, McFall & Sartwelle

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Houston Bar  
 Association; Houston Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Law  
 Foundation

**Staff**

Law Clerk **DeLeith Gossett** ..... (903) 590-1091  
 Education: Arkansas (Little Rock) 1998 JD  
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 Court Reporter **Ron Mason** ..... (903) 590-1096  
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**Chambers of Senior Judge William M. Steger**

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**William M. Steger**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1920  
 Education: Southern Methodist 1950 LLB  
 Began Service: December 29, 1970  
 Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** United States Attorney, Eastern District of Texas, United  
 States Department of Justice (1953-1959)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1951-1953); Partner, Wilson, Miller,  
 Spivey & Steger (1959-1970)

**Military Service:** United States Army Air Corps (1942-1947)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Smith County Bar  
 Association; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Senior Judge Paul Brown**

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**Paul Brown**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1926  
 Education: Texas 1950 JD  
 Began Service: 1985  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Texas,  
 Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
 (1953-1959); United States Attorney, Eastern District of Texas,  
 Department of Justice (1959-1961)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Keith & Brown (1951-1953); Brown, Hill &  
 Ellis (and predecessor firms) (1961-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1944-1946); United States Navy  
 (1950-1951)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Grayson County Bar  
 Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Brock Benson** ..... (903) 892-9405  
 Law Clerk **Erin Martin** ..... (903) 892-9405  
 Education: Texas Tech 2001 JD  
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**Howell Cobb**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1922  
 Education: Virginia 1948 LLB  
 Began Service: 1985  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Member, City Board of Adjustment (1972-1982); Member,  
 Advisory Council of Legal Services Corporation (1979-1983)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Kelley & Ryan (1949-1951); Associate,  
 Fountain, Cox & Gaines (1951-1954); Orgain, Bell & Tucker (1954-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1942-1945)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Board of  
 Trial Advocates; Jefferson County Bar Association; State Bar of Texas;  
 Texas Bar Foundation

**Staff**

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**William Wayne Justice**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1920  
 Education: Texas 1942 LLB  
 Began Service: 1968  
 Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Harry W. McKee**

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**Note:** Magistrate Judge Harry W. McKee has announced his retirement,  
 effective January 2006.

**Harry W. McKee**  
 Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
 Education: North Dakota 1963 PhB; George Washington 1966 LLB  
 Began Service: 1982  
 Term Expires: August 5, 2006

**Government:** Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
 (1966-1979); Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Texas,  
 Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
 (1979-1982)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Smith County Bar  
 Association; State Bar of Texas

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